

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
[Final July 20, 2006 Noon} PROPOSITION 87

“The sponsors’ contention that Proposition 87 would not cause higher gas prices is incorrect.”

William Hamm, Ph.D.

Former Legislative Analyst, State of California

“Proposition 87 attempts a worthy goal, but does so in a counterproductive and costly manner. It would shrink California’s oil supply, increase dependence on foreign oil, and result in higher gasoline prices.”

Professor Philip Romero, Ph.D.

Former Chief Economist, California Governor’s Office

Proposition 87 is *not* a tax on oil company profits – as proponents would like you to believe. It’s a \$4 BILLION TAX on *California oil production*. It would make California’s oil the *highest taxed in the nation*, by far. Analysts report it would decrease state oil production. Replacement oil would have to be imported from the Middle East and elsewhere. The added costs of transporting and refining imported oil would be lawfully passed on to consumers at the gas pump. *Do we really want higher gas prices?*

And did proponents really claim Proposition 87 is not new bureaucracy? *It’s the very definition of bureaucracy, with an appalling lack of accountability:*

-50 political appointees

-Unlimited staff

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- The power to spend \$4 billion outside the state budget review process.
- No requirement they spend all those new taxes in California, or even in the U.S.
- Special exemptions from laws designed to protect taxpayers.
- Special exemption from California's education funding guarantee, robbing schools of *their* fair share.

Proposition 87 also reduces revenues available for fire protection and public safety.

Organizations representing 85,000 public safety officials urge Californians to:

VOTE NO on 87.

Kevin R. Nida, President
California State Firefighters' Association

Ray Holdsworth, Past Chair
California Chamber of Commerce

Allan Zaremborg, President
Californians Against Higher Taxes

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